

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A method for delivering messages in a network comprising at least one terminal device, comprising:

generating a message;

setting a condition for receiving said message;

deciding whether said message is to be received by a terminal device based on said condition; and

transmitting said message to said terminal device based on deciding whether the message is to be received.

2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said setting step is performed by a terminal device.

3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said condition is a location of said terminal device.

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

including information regarding said condition in an optional field of said message.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

determining whether said terminal device is inactive or busy when-said condition is not met.

6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

deciding whether an originator of said message is permitted to receive a delivery report; and

transmitting said delivery report to the originator of said message only when said originator of said message is permitted the delivery report.

7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 6, further comprising:

storing a list of originators of messages, which are permitted to receive delivery reports, in a database.

8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 6, further comprising:
defining a group of users which are allowed to receive delivery reports;
wherein whether the originator of said received message is a member of
said group of users is determined during said deciding step.

9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8, further comprising:
adding a group identifier identifying said group of users to said message.

10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said message is a multimedia message.

11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said network is a mobile network and said terminal device is a mobile terminal device.

12. (Previously Presented) A network system for delivering messages in a network, comprising:

a terminal device; and
a message delivering device comprising a deciding means configured to decide whether a message is to be received by said terminal device based on a condition for receiving said message, and a transmitting means configured to transmit said message to said terminal device based on said deciding means determining whether the message is to be received.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 12, further comprising:
a setting means configured to set a condition for receiving a message by said terminal device.

15. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 12, wherein said condition is a location of said terminal device.

16. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 12, wherein said message comprises an optional field in which information regarding said condition is included.

17. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 12, wherein said message delivering device further comprises a determining means configured to determine whether said terminal device is not reachable when said deciding means decides that said condition is unmet.

18. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 12, wherein said terminal device further comprises:

a judging means configured to determine whether a delivery report is to be transmitted in response to receiving said message; and

a transmitting means configured to transmit said delivery report when said judging means determines that said delivery report is to be transmitted.

19. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 17, wherein said terminal device further comprises:

a database having a stored list of originators of messages, which are permitted to receive delivery reports, and which is accessed by said judging means.

20. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 17, wherein a group of users permitted to receive delivery reports are defined, and said judging means configured to detect whether an originator of said received message is a member of said group of users.

21. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 19, wherein a group identifier identifying said group of users is added to said message.

22. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 12, wherein said message is a multimedia message.

23. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 12, wherein said network is a mobile network and said terminal device is a mobile terminal device.

24. (Previously Presented) A report delivery condition setting device, comprising:
a setting means configured to set a condition for receiving a message by a terminal device; and
a supplying means configured to supply said message including said condition to a message delivering device.

25. (Previously Presented) The report delivery condition setting device of claim 24, wherein said condition is the location of said terminal device.

26. (Previously Presented) The report delivery condition setting device of claim 24, wherein said message comprises an optional field in which information regarding said condition is included.

27. (Previously Presented) The report delivery condition setting device of claim 24, wherein said message is a multimedia message.

28. (Previously Presented) The report delivery condition setting device of claim 24, wherein said network is a mobile network and said terminal device is a mobile terminal device.

29. (Previously Presented) A message delivering device configured to deliver in a network a message for which a condition for receiving said message by a terminal device is set, comprising:

 a deciding means configured to decide whether said message is to be received by said terminal device based on said condition; and
 a transmitting means configured to transmit said message to said terminal device based on a result of said deciding means.

30. (Previously Presented) The message delivering device of claim 29, wherein said condition is a location of said terminal device.

31. (Previously Presented) The message delivering device of claim 29, wherein said message comprises an optional field in which information regarding said condition is included.

32. (Previously Presented) The message delivering device of claim 29, further comprising:

a determining means configured to determine whether said terminal device is inactive or busy when said deciding means determines that said condition is unmet.

33. (Previously Presented) The message delivering device of claim 29, wherein said message is a multimedia message.

34. (Previously Presented) The message delivering device of claim 29, wherein said network is a mobile network and said terminal device is a mobile terminal device.

35. (Previously Presented) A terminal device for receiving a message for which a condition for receiving said message is set for use in network, comprising:

a receiving means configured to receive said message;
a judging means configured to determine whether a delivery report is to be transmitted in response to receiving said message; and
a transmitting means configured to transmit said delivery report when said judging means determines that said delivery report is to be transmitted.

36. (Previously Presented) The terminal device of claim 35, further comprising:

a database having a stored list of originators of messages, which are permitted to receive delivery reports, and which is accessed by said judging means.

37. (Previously Presented) The terminal device of claim 36, wherein said condition is a location of said terminal device.

38. (Previously Presented) The terminal device of claim 36, wherein said message is a multimedia message.

39. (Previously Presented) The terminal device of claim 36, wherein said network is a mobile network and said terminal device is a mobile terminal device.